

# Agenda/notes of Spokes Planning Group meetings

## 19th January 2026 - 19:30

Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82527616002?pwd=6fkrDubxvhESIYskB7czrUZiYogCay.1>

Attendees: NA JR MM DF AR IM

Apologies: RA- see *Note 1 below*

### Welcomes & Apologies

**Admin** PG mailing list / group distribution

**Next TEC:** [29th January 2026](#)

Next TROSC: [17th March 2026](#)

Next CEC Meeting: ##.##.2026 agenda here [HERE](#)

Latest [Edi.Bike](#) newsletter

### SPOKES SCIO:

Planning Group putting forward a trustee if Spokes becomes a SCIO. Ian Maxwell to discuss.

### Updates/ongoing

#### Construction projects:

- West Edinburgh Link
  - Construction Phase 1 started: Flassches Yard to Edinburgh College + Torwood Path (~600m...)
- Leith Connections
  - Signal issue at FotW & Henderson st [See *note 2 below*] - McD A permanently on "Ahead only" arrow has been added to the bottom of the cycle signals. Observation that cyclists continue doing every conceivable manoeuvre
- Elm Row/TtN Mitigation Measures
  - Elm Row - Cllr Caldwell by end of March on BlueSky
  - Unidirectional cycling issue
  - Balfour Street buffer
- [Queensferry High Street](#)
  - First phase works should be complete. Main works due Jan'26 - Mar'27.
- Charlotte Square Interim Scheme McD: and George Street (meeting on Wednesday 21.01.2026 for a run through of the layout plans and Order drawings - DO WE HAVE THESE ALREADY??) 16th January MM email doc.
  - Still no snagging work on-site
- King's Theatre (Meadows / Canal)
  - Construction is ongoing until April'26.
  - Cycle access is still on Valleyfield Street but has been restricted/closed by the contractor at times.
  - Gilmore Place closed for resurfacing from 26/01.
- Lawnmarket / Old Town Streets
  - New signage now in place for contraflow. ETRO 2nd stage due soon.
- South Gyle Road bridge
  - The previous road bridge is currently being replaced as part of electrification works. The new bridge is due to be ped/cycle only.

## Consultations

- [Dundee Street and Fountainbridge](#)
  - [Consultation](#) closed 12.01.2026 - AR submitted
  - Time to discuss LSE Meeting (05.12.2025), their Objection and comments about social media reaction. *Dave comment:* presumably LSE saying our Rose Street comments 'not helpful' refer to [this article](#). I think the article is valid, particularly our ongoing concerns about TRO Sub and the use of officer time, and which could impact on future schemes as well (e.g. Dundee St).
- Barnton Connections [Consultation](#)  
Closes 09/02/2026 - AR has shared a [draft](#). Also circulated to local members
- Main St/ Quality Street roundabout Davidson's Mains
  - Niall [responded](#).
- Canaan Lane
  - "School Street" proposals shared with MCC - JR reviewing
- Silverknowes [ETRO/21/30C](#) Closing date 10.02.26 (i.e. before next PG). Also see [these comments](#) received from a local person. NA to collate
- TRO/25/54 & TRO/25/56 - TROs for part of Meadows - Canal. AR can respond.
  - No TRO/RSO for Home Street/Brougham Street as yet. Potential for further splitting up of the project?
  - TRO/25/54: Tarvit Street contraflow + vehicle prohibition
  - TRO/25/56: Drumdryan Street + Glengyle Terrace contraflow

## Ongoing issues:

- Princes Street:  
Rurigdh McMeddes becoming CEC lead
- QR8 at Edinburgh Park Arena
  - No change
- Meadows - George St
  - RSO called into Scottish Ministers + Public hearing for meeting
- Voi Cycle Hire Scheme
  - No news on further expansion as yet, but the goal is 800+ bikes within the coming months.
  - TEC Cllr Booth query about parking
  - Also update from Officers via Cllr Parker (see *Note 3 below*)
- Craigiehall estate (formerly the HQ of the Army in Scotland)
  - Seemingly limited cycle access during refurbishment works.
  - Needs to be raised at next CEC meeting - TBC
- Porty Junction
  - Still in the design stage. No money for Construction. Ghost bike.
- [Braids Estate](#) - 2026 installation now proposed  
Pending Cllr conduct investigation
- Silverknowes Road Closure
  - Raised ironworks etc - safety risk during resurfacing - on going
- Roadworks & Cycling Safety
  - RA pursuing. Special designations not being used. Cycleways need special treatment. What has changed?
  - Off road path closures 3 days notice - St Mark's, Ferry Rd etc poor awareness but Balgreen closure good
  - Canal tree works - local temp closures on going Transport Scotland on balance not the worst
  - Christmas Markets - any feedback to CEC now removed?
- TdF 2027 in Edinburgh

- [Route](#) now shared - road resurfacing along Craigmillar Park / Minto Street?
- EB has shared ideas - Funding / spend agreed workshop later this year planned. **EB to chase date.**
- Tour de France 2027 route through Midlothian
- Curriehill Station Link
  - Withdrawn application due to ecological concerns - **JR to email ward Cllrs**
- QR9 projects
  - Do we know the current state of the different QR9 projects? One part was paused [indefinitely](#) but others are supposedly due for construction from Jan'26. AR can email the project lead (Stewart Inglis).

## Other transport / LA's

1. National - Scot Gov consultation on **climate change plan 2026-2040** (includes considerable material on transport) Closes 29 Jan. Dave has done this [draft spokes response](#). Feedback welcome. Related links in para 2511 [here](#).  
City Plan 2040 - JR
2. Midlothian
  - [A7 Active Travel Improvements](#) - works postponed for traffic issues
  - Tour de France 2027 route through Midlothian
3. East Lothian
4. West Lothian n/a

## Planning

05.01.2026

- **New Bike Store in South Gyle:** A planning application ([25/06583/FUL](#)) has been registered for external alterations at **6 Lochside Avenue**. The project includes the formation of a new bike store and a re-organisation of the existing car parking and courtyard landscaping.
- **Replacement Bike Stores at Easter Road:** There is a proposal to remove "rotten and unserviceable" wooden bike stores and refuse enclosures and replace them with powder-coated galvanised steel versions. This application is for a property at **Flat 1, 1 Easter Dalry Road**. [25/06580/CLP](#)

12.01.2026

- **New Cycle Store** at Multrees Walk (Granted): A planning permission application ([25/04989/FUL](#)) was granted on January 5, 2026, for works at 24 Elder Street and 2, 13-15, 16 Multrees Walk. The project includes replacing two existing ATM vestibules with a new cycle store that will feature a new door on Elder Street.
- **Large Housing Development in Leith (Notice Received):** A Proposal of Application Notice ([25/06573/PAN](#)) has been received for a housing development on **Land 8 Metres North of 25 Shore**. The proposal for approximately 212 units explicitly includes the provision of **cycle and bicycle storage** as part of the associated infrastructure.

*As a reminder for Proposal of Application Notices (PAN), any comments at this stage should be made directly to the applicant rather than the Council.*

- [Cameron Toll Future](#) - drop in Feb 5th

## AOB

1. Transport & Local Access Forum - points to raise - see my email just now and also papers [here](#) when is the next meeting?
2. [Spokes Holyrood 2026 Hustings 16.03.2026](#)
3. Accessibility Commission - DF attended but Ken Talbot attending pending date
4. Pedal on Parliament: TBC

### Note 1

*Robbie:* I can send feedback to Unique Assembly about the closures this year. No emergency issues but some minor: ice from zamboni George St, loose screws George St, no space to turn to correct side of road westbound George St at Charlotte Sq and Castle St, Waverley Bridge reopened before deconstruction finished. Let me know of any more.

I managed to get the first 2 suggestions for the Roadworks and Cycling datasheet to Martin, covering tram tracks and dismount signs.

Individual closures: CCWEL much improved. Resurfacing projects such as Silverknowles still poor but Active travel input on Gilmore Pl is promising. Network Management action on St Marks and Ferry Rd paths good.

I agree with Dave that our commentary on Rose St and Fountainbridge is reasonable. Living Streets still don't understand that no cycle route is intended on Rose St.

### Note 2

14.01.2026 Cllr Faccenda update: The contractor(Balfour Beattie) will carry out some final kerbing and surfacing work at the Great Junction Street end of Henderson Street on 20/21 January and this means that during these works it will not be possible to enter Henderson Street from Great junction Street but there will still be pedestrian access.

Cars will have to enter Henderson Street from Shore and there will be signs for the diversion and the bus lane camera will be deactivated.

Work will be undertaken between 0730 and 1800.

Once this work is complete Lothian Buses will be able to reinstate buses in both directions on Henderson street.

Kirkgate Bus Stop - Lothian Buses have indicated concerns about the bin hub next to the stop and work is ongoing to mitigate this and get buses stopping there. This is being treated as a priority issue.

### Note 3

*A small update on Voi parking from CEC officers:*

"On street parking is absolutely something we are looking at and I'm in ongoing discussions with colleagues in the TRO team around how we can implement this. As the point made below, a TRO could be tricky with the scheme only being a 2-year pilot scheme however we are exploring options and I expect on street bays to be implemented this year. We are looking at trialling a handful of locations (20ish) to see how the process works etc and these can then be utilised for bike parking or bike stands (if the scheme does not get extended/renewed).

As we expand out into the city we are starting to run out of suitable pavement space and I'm really keen to minimise impact on pedestrians as much as we can and if we can do that by utilising parking space or other carriageway locations then firmly believe this is what we should be doing.

Hope this helps, but if you need anything else then please do not hesitate to contact me."